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SUBJECT: ANDREOTTI STATEMENT AT LA MADDALENA

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1. ITALIAN NEWSPAPERS OF JUNE 7 REPORT STRONG STATEMENT OF MINISTER OF DEFENSE ANDREOTTI REBUTTING CHARGES OF RADIOLOGICAL POLLUTION AT LA MADDALENA. ANDREOTTI MADE THIS STATEMENT DURING COURSE OF VISIT TO ITALIAN NAVAL FACILITIES HERE (REFTEL).

2. ANDREOTTI SAID QUOTE THERE DOES NOT EXIST ANY PHYSICAL DANGER IN THE WATERS OF LA MADDALENA AND HENCE THERE IS NO POLLUTION. THIS IS A CERTAINTY AND IS APPARENT FROM THE DATA COLLECTED BY THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, CAMEN AND CNEN, WHO CARRIED OUT STUDIES TO DETERMINE IF THE PRESENCE OF THE GILMORE, WHICH SUPPORTS US NUCLEAR SUBMARINES, CREATED ANY DANGERS.

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IT IS ABSURD TO THINK THAT THE TECHNICIANS, WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN

ABSOLUTE LIBERTY TO EXPRESS THEIR FINDINGS, HAVE BEEN RETICENT. IT IS ALSO ABSURD TO THINK THAT ANYONE AT ANY LEVEL COULD BE RETICENT IF ONE DAY THE EXISTENCE OF A DANGER WAS DISCOVERED. UNQUOTE. ANDREOTTI, WHO SPOKE IN THE LA MADDALENA CITY HALL, ALSO STATED THAT AN OFFICE WOULD BE CREATED WITHIN THE MOD TO TAKE CARE OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE ISLAND. ANDREOTTI FURTHER OBSERVED THAT HIS EVALUATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE LOCAL POPULATION AND THE US NAVY WAS THAT THEY WERE ABSOLUTELY NORMAL.

3. COMMENT: WE WILL ATTEMPT OVER THE WEEKEND TO GET A FULL READ OUT ON CONTENT OF ANDREOTTI'S DISCUSSIONS, IF ANY, WITH THE MAYOR OF LA MADDALENA AND REPORT THEM IMMEDIATELY. BEAUDRY

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